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SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : The Hon. Minister said that the intention of the mob was to do mischief. Was any mischief done, was any property of the police station damaged and was the firing resorted to to defend property or in self-defence?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All the records were thrown about and some records were torn. One of the persons caught hold of the Sub-Inspector and tore off the left sleeve of his shirt. Another person gave a blow to a police constable with a stick which caused a bleeding injury to him.

* 2909 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, received complaints in February–March 1955 against the indifferent attitude of the Mannarghat Police in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, in dealing with the crimes committed by an organized gang headed by one K. D. Kunchunni in and around Pulappatta village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No complaints were received by the Government. A pseudonymous petition on the subject, purporting to be from the public of Mannarghat station limits was received by the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar district, on 17th February 1955.

(*b*) The petition was enquired into and suitable action taken by the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar district.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : The K.D. whose name is given in the question and who was responsible for a series of crimes, was actually in the custody of the Head constable and the Head constable allowed him to escape. Have the Government any information on this point and, if not, will they make an enquiry?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : When the Head constable was questioned, he said that the person in his custody was not this particular K.D. but only his brother. On enquiry it was found that it was false and action was taken against him.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know the nature of crimes said to have been committed by this person and the action taken against him?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : He is accused of dacoity and he is a proclaimed offender. He is still absconding.

Local Fund Hospital at Gingee

* 2910 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an additional building is under construction for the Local Fund Hospital at Gingee in the South Arcot district under the Local Development Scheme ; and